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# Village of Westchester

*From the desk of Village President Greg Hribal*



*Village President Greg Hribal honors longtime Westchester business owner, public servant, and community supporter Paul Gattuso with the key to the Village*

What an incredible centennial version of our Party in the Park this year. Very few people are aware of the time, energy and volunteerism that is required to put on an event like this.

Thank you to our staff, the Westchester Chamber of Commerce, Westchester Park District and the committees that work for months bringing all of it together. Thank you to Westchester food vendors Alpine Food Shop, Rocky's Pizza, Sha-Poppin' Popcorn along with Bouna Beef, El Buen Tacos, Polish Shack, Zodlicious BBQ, Press Box Smashburgers, Rainbow Cone and Q's Pizza for joining us this year.

Former Westchester Village President and 43-year business owner Paul Gattuso was honored at the event with a key to the city on Saturday for his 20 years as an elected official, as well as his overwhelming generosity to the community for over 4 decades. For those unaware, Paul is also involved with GP Italiano located on LaGrange Road just south of the railroad tracks in LaGrange.

A special thank you to Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar for sponsoring a resolution honoring Westchester's centennial anniversary, which was read aloud at the July 24th Cook County Board meeting. Commissioners Aguilar and Tara Stamps were both present to show their support for the resolution and our community.

The Westchester Police Department is hosting National Night Out on Tuesday August 5, 2025 from 4pm-7pm at the Westchester Intermediate School located at 10900 Canterbury. Touch-a-Truck, music, a foam party and free food and ice cream will be offered with many free give-a-ways planned. National Night, which originated in Philadelphia in 1984, is an annual community-building campaign held in August that aims to encourage a strong police-community partnership. We hope to see you there.

Residents wishing to have more information on their water usage in real-time, the Westchester Water Usage Portal has launched. In addition to general usage and billing information, residents can set alerts and be notified immediately of leaks and unusual water usage, such as when a faulty toilet flap is running water unnoticed. To assist residents in enrolling in the program, the Village of Westchester is hosting a townhall meeting on Tuesday August 19th at 6pm in the village hall board room. More information is available on our website.

The GROW Ecological Commission will be hosting their fourth annual community-wide yard sale, also known as Reuse-a-Palooza, this year September 20th and 21st. Visit the Village of Westchester website for more information. Lastly, please welcome newly opened Krispy Krunch Chicken located at 805 Mannheim Road, the former Burger King restaurant located inside BP Amoco. They are currently serving chicken strips, nuggets, wings and sandwiches and are open until 10pm daily.



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August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - EVERY WEDNESDAY IN AUG! MAYFAIR PARK		1	2 WESTCHESTER CYCLE GROUP - SATURDAYS AT 9AM - MEET AT THE CERMAK & MANNHEIM FOUNTAIN
3	4	5 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 4-7PM WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	6 VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR IN-SERVICE DAY BWJWA MEETING 10:30AM - BROADVIEW VILLAGE HALL	7 WALL-E MOVIE - 2PM LIBRARY GROW ECOLOGICAL COMMISSION - 6:30PM VILLAGE HALL	8	9
10	11	12 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	13 AGING CARE BINGO 11:15AM MAYFAIR REC CENTER	14	15	16
17	18	19 WATER PORTAL TOWN HALL - 6PM VILLAGE HALL	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 VILLAGE BOARD & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 6PM VILLAGE HALL		28	29	30
31			back to school		SCHOOL BUS	



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# Campfire Safety

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

## SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.



## ROAST WITH CARE

If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a flying, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

## FACT

**Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.**



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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Keesh Hound Groom Room LLC

Founded by local animal lover and experienced groomer Kesha Horton, Keesh Hound Groom Room LLC is a full-service grooming salon located in Westchester, Illinois, specializing in dogs under 40 lbs. Since opening its doors in February 2016, the salon has built a loyal clientele through its personalized care, calming environment, and dedication to pet wellness.

Keesh Hound Groom Room originally began in Kesha's home in Villa Park in 2011. Her journey into pet grooming began unexpectedly when she joined PetSmart as a bather and, within three months, was accepted into their grooming training program. That spark turned into a passion, and soon, a business rooted in compassion and care.

The salon offers a wide range of services including baths, haircuts, nail trimming, ear cleaning, and specialty shampoos for pets with minor skin irritations or fleas.

Kesha is especially proud of her ability to work with senior dogs, puppies, and those with anxiety, thanks to the safe and soothing atmosphere she has cultivated. "We provide a safe calming atmosphere which allows me to groom senior dogs, puppies, and dogs with anxiety," she says.

What truly sets Keesh Hound Groom Room apart is its dedication to holistic pet care.

Kesha handcrafts all-natural

grooming products, including a healing balm for hot spots and a natural paw salve—popular among pet owners looking for gentle yet effective remedies.

Kesha named the salon as a play on her own first name and the Keeshond dog breed, blending personal identity with her love for dogs. Her motto, "Humanity over vanity," captures the salon's approach—prioritizing the comfort and well-being of pets over purely cosmetic results.

Committed to continuous improvement, Kesha attends grooming trade shows and conferences annually to stay current with evolving techniques and products. "One thing about pet grooming is that techniques and products change for the better every year. I gain knowledge so I'm able to better serve my clients, which in return helps my clientele grow."

The Westchester community played a significant role in the salon's success, particularly during its post-COVID reopening. "The overwhelming support of the village and surrounding areas has made me realize that my services are needed here," she shared. "That's why I'm still here nine years later."

Looking ahead, Kesha hopes to expand her salon to offer even more services to meet growing demand. She suggested that an updated business directory shared with



residents could be a helpful way to further support and promote local businesses.

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**for pets under 40 lbs**



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# Be a Survivalist, Not a Victim

These days we need to have the mind frame of being a survivalist and not a victim.

We need to always be thinking of the worst possible outcomes in any situation, while planning out possible scenarios in our minds and changing the outcomes before bad things happen. Police officers use this type of thinking everyday throughout their lives to keep themselves safe and continue protecting our community.

We can prepare ourselves with just a few types of safety precautions to help secure our properties and loved ones. It's very easy to become complacent in life and assume that we will never be in harm's way of people who are determined to do bad things. Following some of the safety tips below will give you better peace of mind.

Number one best investment is deadbolt locks on all your doors with door knob reinforcement steel plates, which make it much harder for criminals to pry at your locks.

Always have a good solid wood or steel-core door to make it harder to make forced entry. You should have a wide-angle peephole at an average height to see outside before even opening your doors to anyone standing outside.

Always have a strong quality storm door that acts as a first barrier when deciding to open your main door to keep someone from forcing their way into your home. I also like a storm door that has outer steel rails throughout the entire storm door, adding extra strength and safety enforcement protection. Consider investing in doorbell cameras



and exterior security cameras that record individuals coming to your home 24/7 while alerting your phone. These recordings have helped our police department solve crimes in our community.

Always have bright motion lights around your household that luminate your outside perimeters and yards.

Never leave your garage door open when you're not inside your garage. Criminals will always look for an easy excess into your home with little resistance while catching you off guard.

Never ever let anyone into your home that you don't know for any reason, unless they have an appointment and official identifying documentation. Never let someone get you to step outside your

home, no matter what they're selling or willing to fix at a supposed great price. When in doubt call 911. We now have criminals disguising themselves as public workers or parcel delivery drivers, making you feel more comfortable in their presence.

Never give out any personal information, especially your bank information over the phone, text, or personal computer. No matter how authentic the individual may sound, just hang up and go to your bank in person to confirm if they contacted you. Most government agencies do not contact you by phone or text messages.

Offenders can now buy fake computerized phone numbers that cannot be tracked. They are experts at tricking you into giving up personal information,

passwords, and bank account information because they have the ability to use a trick phone number or fake website to make you believe it's really a representative of your bank or mortgage company.

These individuals may have already researched you through different computer technology and gained enough information about you to convince you it's legitimate. Sometime they catch you at the wrong time of the day, and you're busy so you quickly give up information and easily become their next victim, because they sound so convincing.

Be a survivalist, not a victim – just hang up or close the door and call 911!

Chief Daniel Babich

## WESTCHESTER POLICE BLOTTER

**All defendants are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.**

**25-2165 06/16/2025 8:49PM  
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES  
825 MANNHEIM RD**

Westchester Police Department units were notified via radio of a suspicious circumstance at 825 Mannheim Road (BP gas station). The alert came from a Community Service Officer conducting a routine premise check. Responding officers discovered a 56-year-old male

from Westchester slumped over inside a vehicle. Upon further investigation and identification, it was determined that the individual had an outstanding warrant out of DuPage County for traffic offenses. The subject was issued a new court date by DuPage County authorities and was subsequently released from the scene.

**25-2286 06/23/2025 5:08PM  
TRAFFIC ARREST ENTERPRISE DR  
& PRESCOTT LN**

WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 21 year old female from Chicago, IL was cited for Disobeying a Stop Sign, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Driving while License Suspended. The 21 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**25-2483 07/08/2025 1:17AM  
TRAFFIC ARREST MANNHEIM RD &**

**GLADSTONE ST**  
WPD Officer on patrol observed a vehicle perform a traffic infraction. A 23 year old male from Brookfield, IL was cited for Disregard Traffic Control Device, Speeding, No Valid Insurance, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, and Illegal Transportation of Cannabis. The 23 year old was released with a Citation & Notice and given a court date at the 4th District Cook County Courthouse in Maywood, IL.

**\*This is not a comprehensive list. Please visit [www.westchester-il.org/blotter](http://www.westchester-il.org/blotter) for more information.**





WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## NEWSLETTER

August 2025

### Friends of the Library Half Price Sale

It's time for the biannual Friends of the Library half price book sale! All books, DVDs, CDs, and Magazines are half price throughout the month of August!

### Labor Day Closing September 1st | All Day

The library will be closed all day on **Monday, Sept. 1st** in celebration of Labor Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday.

### Tiny Art Display

All Adult Tiny Art will be on display in the Adult Department throughout the month of August. Come and see your fellow Westchesterians' tiny masterpieces!

### Illinois Libraries Present

A statewide collaboration among public libraries



### Illinois Libraries Present... 2025 - 2026 Presenter Lineup!

Sign up will be available for programs one month before scheduled date. These are virtual programs through Zoom. Dates may be subject to change

### Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

### Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

### Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

### Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

### Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

*These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility.*

*To request accommodations, please email [illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com](mailto:illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com)*

### Adult Crochet Group

**August 4th | 6 PM | Community Room**

Total Beginners and Advanced welcome, all materials provided. Registration is not required.

### Adult Movie Matinee: The Actor (2025)

**Thursday, August 14th | 1 PM**

Based on the novel Memory by Donald E. Westlake, **The Actor** finds Paul Cole (André Holland) stranded in a mysterious small town with no memory of who he is or how he got there. Without a sense of identity or purpose, he starts from scratch and begins courting a local costume designer Edna (Gemma Chan). As bits and pieces of his past slowly emerge, he attempts to find his way home, but time is slippery, appearances can't be trusted, and it's unclear which of his identities is real. **Rated R | 1h 38m**

### Qigong and Sound Meditation

**Saturday, August 16th | 11 AM | Community Room**

Qigong involves a series of slow flowing movements and deep measured breathing while in a chair or standing. The workshop ends with soothing sounds from seven crystal singing bowls, chimes, handheld gongs, and other sound instruments. **Registration is required.**

### Adult Take-and-Make: Life Preserver Candle Holders

**Monday, August 18th | Adult Department | While Supplies Last**

Grab a kit to make a nautical-themed candle holder! Kits will be available starting **Monday, August 18th**. While supplies last.

### Flappers and Fedoras! Songs of the Roaring Twenties

**Tuesday, September 23rd | 6 PM | Community Room**

It's the Bee's Knees! The 1920s comes alive musically with Matt and Cynthia Gruel through tunes like "It Had to Be You," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Chicago, That Toddlin' Town," "Mack the Knife," "Puttin' on the Ritz," "Bye Bye Blackbird," "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Ain't She Sweet," "Charleston," and many more! Hear fascinating stories about Prohibition, Al Capone, Fats Waller, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Zelda Fitzgerald and Chicago in the 20's. **Registration is required.**



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If special accommodations are required to attend a library program, please contact us at least seven days in advance.



## Year-Round Reading Clubs

Summer Reading may be over, but check out some of our other year-round reading clubs!

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a simple - read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten! The goal is to provide a simple yet fun approach to establishing strong early literacy skills. 1000 Books before Kindergarten helps kids gain the confidence necessary to become strong readers. For every 200 books read, collect a prize! Sign up using Beanstack or stop by the Youth Services Desk to get started!

### 100 Books Before High School

100 Books Before High School is for students in 4th - 8th grade. The challenge is self-paced and designed to enhance reading abilities over time. No need to rush! Read any type of book that you find interesting, whether it's fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, and even audiobooks. Sign up using Beanstack or stop by the Youth Services Desk to get started! After every 20 books, you'll receive a prize!

### 100 Books Before Graduation

Teens in grades 9 -12 have four years to complete this challenge. And remember, "books" can be novels, nonfiction, audiobooks, and graphic novels. Here's how it works:

- Sign up on Beanstack or in person and start tracking your reading.
- Collect prizes with every 25 books read.
- Grand prize when you reach 100 books and a certificate of completion!

For more information, call the Teen Services Librarian at 708-562-3573 x 3.

## Teen Programs

### Teen Scavenger Hunt

August 1- 31

We've hidden pop culture icons from movies and shows around the teen room. Stop by for a sheet to find them all! Once you've completed the hunt, stop by the teen desk for a prize! One sheet per participant.

### Teen Take & Make Craft

Monday, August 11th | Teen Room

Pick up a cool craft kit that you can make at home or in the library! For grades 6-12; while supplies last.



## Coming in September!

Once a month stop by our Imagination Station where you'll find everything you need to make a cool craft, pick up books on a specific topic, and more! What a great way to give your creativity a work out! Best for grades K - 5; while supplies last.

## Youth Programs

### August Scavenger Hunt

All Month | Starts August 1st

Time for one last cookout before school starts! Stop by the Youth Services Desk to grab a sheet and find all the delicious things hidden in the department! Once you find them all, turn in your sheet for a prize!

### Mario Kart Mondays

Mondays | August 4th, 11th, & 18th | 2 PM

Zoom through the colorful world of Mario Kart and show off your racing skills! This program is intended for 3rd grade and up.

### Kids Crafts

Biweekly Tuesdays | August 5th & 19th

Get crafty at our fun craft table and make something special to take home!

### Lego Club

Friday, August 8th & 22nd | 3:30 PM

Don't miss this fun club where you can show off your building skills and get to put your creations on display!



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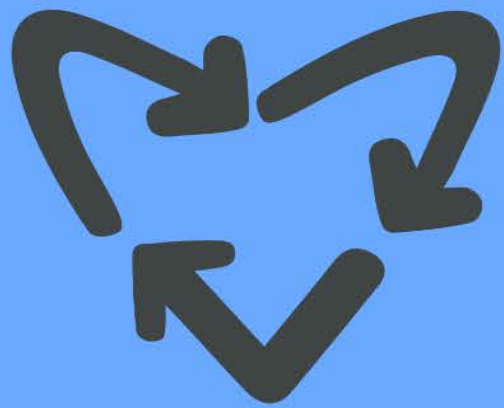
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# REUSE-A-PALOOZA

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**SALE!**

## Community Yard Sale September 20-21, 2025

**GROW Ecological Commission** invites you to participate in our annual community yard sale! Reduce your trash by keeping useful items out of landfills, and shop for deals on unique, pre-loved items that reduce the impacts of buying new.

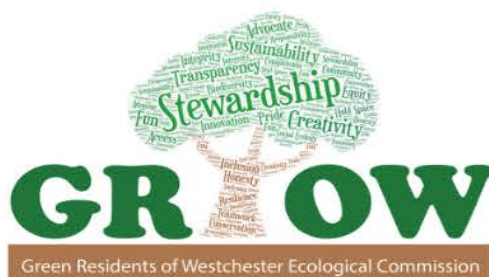
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# It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s a – million migratory birds?!

Alexandra Silva,  
GROW Commissioner  
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Summer is in full swing, marked by colorful garden blooms and the bioluminescence of light-ing bugs. While the days will remain warm for a while longer, by mid-August one of the first tell-tale signs of the coming fall will begin: Bird Migration.

From August 15 through November 1, millions upon millions of birds will fly south through Il-linois along the Mississippi Flyway, a major mi-gratory route connecting breeding grounds in the U.S. and Canada with overwintering areas in Mexico, and Central and South America.

Within just one night last September, BirdCast.info (which produces real-time maps of migra-tion intensity) estimated nearly 33 million birds crossed over our state. In Cook County alone, given our proximity to Lake Michigan and mo-saic of remaining greenspace, bird migration can reach upwards of 1.5 million birds in a single night.

According to iNaturalist.org, a social network used to record global biodiversity, Westches-ter has hosted many of the 250 species of birds known to migrate through Chicago. Ovenbirds, described as a chunkier-than-average warbler with a jaunty tail, spend summer farther north and then pass through on their way to Mexico and Central America, but at least one stopped in the vicinity of 31st and Kemman Avenue last September.

Others, like Ruby-throated hummingbirds, may spread into Canada come spring or opt to make Illinois their summer home, with documented sightings at Wolf Road Prairie and areas just north of the Park District’s Community Center. Weighing in between 0.1-0.2 ounces (less than a nickel!), many of these iridescent individuals will travel over 2000 miles to Costa Rica come fall.

Barn swallows make similar appearances in Westchester, then overwinter as far south as the southern tip of Chile. Round-trip, barn swallow migrations can total over 12,000 miles per year!

(For Monty Python fans, please note these swal-lows are NOT ladened with coconuts.)

**As birds flock together, how can Westchester help?**

Whether migrating a few states down or thou-sands of miles away, the majority of species mi-grate at night. Overnight hours are thought to allow migratory birds to take advantage of cool-er temperatures and gentler winds, avoid pred-ators, and, most importantly, to navigate by the moon and stars.

As a result, light pollution is one of the biggest obstacles our migrating aviators face. Artificial lights at night, whether from fluorescing office buildings or the porchlight next door, illumi-nate the night sky and compete with the moon and stars to disorient and attract birds. These birds may spend vital energy reserves flying in the wrong direction, or even in circles, and once they draw close to buildings, they are at much higher risk of colliding with glass. Glass colli-sions (often windows that reflect vegetation) may be instantaneously fatal or stun birds long enough to be preyed upon.

To help them secure safe passage, please consid-er these recommendations for your home and office spaces during the fall migration (Aug. 15 - Nov. 1):

Adjust outdoor lighting so it is:

- Useful: Use light only if it is needed (turn off decorative lighting from 11 p.m. to daybreak)
- Targeted: Direct light so it falls only where it is needed (shaded, pointing down)
- Low level: Light should be no brighter than necessary (draw blinds at night)
- Controlled: Use light only when it is needed (via motion sensors and/or timers)
- Warm-colored: Use warmer-color lights where possible (color temperature at or below 2700)
- Add bird-friendly decals to existing glass, and opt for windows that are less reflective or more opaque when the time comes.

Finally, to help both migrating birds and our year-round residents, please:



<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/193337017>  
Caption: A ruby-throated hummingbird (Archilochus colubris) mid-flight.License: Public Domain



<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/157843648>  
Caption: Scarlet Tanagers (Piranga olivacea) are nocturnal migrants, flying between North and South America across the Gulf of Mexico.

- Keep cats indoors or restrict their outdoor movements using leashes and catios to reduce unnecessary predation and
- Plant a variety of structurally-diverse native flora (think trees, bushes, flowers and grass) to help sustain our avian neighbors.

With little tweaks to our outdoors, Westchester residents can help ensure our avian neighbors can safely take flight to traverse continents. Learn more at <https://abcbirds.org/news/dark-skies-help-birds/>

## Green Fact of the Month

In 2022, a juvenile godwit flew 8,425 miles, from Alaska to Tasmania, in 11 days without stopping, setting a world record.

Source: USGS.gov

## Recipe of the Month

- It’s a great time to enjoy seasonal produce fresh from the garden or local farm stand (like The Farm at 31st St & Kensington Ave). Eating seasonal produce overs delicious freshness and can also be eco-nomical.
- Try a Caprese Sandwich for a snack or light meal and enjoy all the seasonal goodness!

### Caprese Sandwich

*measure ingredients to your liking*

- Ingredients**
- Ripe tomato, sliced (heirloom tomatoes are a good choice)
  - Fresh mozzarella, sliced
  - Basil leaves
  - Olive oil
  - Bread of your choosing (baguette, Italian, sourdough, focaccia, etc.)
  - Salt (sea or kosher)

- Optional add-ons:**
- Pepper
  - Balsamic vinegar

- Pesto sauce
- Arugula or other greens

**Instructions**  
Place sliced mozzarella on bread, place tomato on top, garnish with basil leaves, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with kosher or sea salt. Add optional items to your taste. Enjoy!

Source: [www.delish.com](http://www.delish.com)

Have a plant-based recipe you’d like to share with the community?

Send it to [GROW@westchester-il.gov](mailto:GROW@westchester-il.gov) for consideration for future newsletters.



PUBLIC WORKS

Village branch collection for August will be the week of August 4th – 8th

September’s collection will be the week of September 8th – 12th

October’s collection will be the week of October 6th – 10th

The Public Works Department will collect branches the first full working week of every month

(April-November)

• All brush must be put out on the front parkway by 7:00 a.m. on your designated collection day. Branches can be up to 7 feet in length and stacked with the butt ends facing the street in the same direction. If not stacked properly, a “restack” notice will be left.

• Again, please put ALL brush out on your designated collection day and Public Works crews will determine what constitutes an open load, which will be picked up later in the week.

• An open load would include any brush that will not fit through the chipper such as logs, stumps, and large limbs. These must be cut for one man to lift. Dirt must be removed from any root balls for pickup.

• Public Works Crews will only pass through a designated pickup area once due to time, scheduling, and other workload responsibilities.

Landscapers & tree services are responsible for their own debris disposal.

Please note the following schedule for branch pickup:

MONDAY: From Mannheim Rd west to Wolf Rd and from Canterbury St south to Windsor Dr-including both sides of Windsor Dr. Also Waterford, Waverly, Camelot and Concord.

TUESDAY: Roosevelt Rd south to Cermak Rd-from Gardner Rd west to Mannheim Rd.

WEDNESDAY: From Roosevelt Rd north to the expressway and from Gardner Rd west to Mannheim Rd. Also, Roosevelt Rd south to Canterbury St from Haase Ave west to Heidorn Ave.

THURSDAY: From Bellevue Ave west to Wolf Rd, Martindale Dr south to 31st Street.

Weekly yard waste collection by S.B.C. began on your first rubbish collection day in April.

S.B.C. Waste Solutions, Inc.  
312-522-1115  
sbcwastesolutions.com/westchester

• If your garbage, recycling, and/or yard waste was at the curb by 6am but was not collected by 6pm on your regular day, please call S.B.C. directly to report a missed collection.

• You may place two (2) large items that will not fit in your receptacle (couch, chair, table, etc.,) at the curb every week for collection. Please call S.B.C. directly to inform them of large items.

• S.B.C. will collect household hazardous waste and electronic waste (e-waste), at no additional charge, including household chemicals, automotive products, paint products, garden chemicals, universal materials, batteries, long fluorescent lightbulbs, and swimming pool chemicals. This separate collection must be pre-scheduled by calling 312-522-1115.

Street Parking Restrictions

From April 1 through November 30, parking restrictions are in effect to support street maintenance activities. Please check posted street signs carefully—it is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle parked during designated weekday hours on streets marked for maintenance.

These restrictions help ensure our streets stay clean and well-maintained. These restrictions are for one side of the street, once a week, 7am-3pm as designated by posted signage.

Westchester Tree Replacement Program

1. The Village has been planting trees on eligible parkways at no cost to the resident. This replacement program does not allow for residents to choose the species of tree planted, the location, the number of trees planted, nor

are residents able to opt-out of having a tree planted in the Village parkway in front and/or side of their residence. Please call Public Works if you would like to request a tree be planted, sooner rather than later, on any parkway.

2. If you would prefer to choose the species of the tree to be planted, this can be achieved through the 50/50 program. The resident may choose the tree(s) from a list provided by the Village, and shares half of the cost of the tree(s) and planting with the Village. To request the list of 50/50 trees, please call the Public Works Department at 708-345-0041.

Village Watering Restrictions

There are water use restrictions in effect every year, May 15th to September 15th, from 12pm to 6pm. This includes:

- (1) Outdoor Watering
- (2) Cleaning Outdoor Surfaces
- (3) Cleaning Buildings
- (4) Pool Filling
- (5) Sprinkling/ sprinklers

Outdoor water usage during unrestricted hours (before noon, after 6pm) is allowed on even numbered days for residents with even numbered addresses, and on odd numbered days for residents with odd numbered addresses. If we have a dry summer, further restrictions may be necessary.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

In-House Street Paving Phase II – September TBD

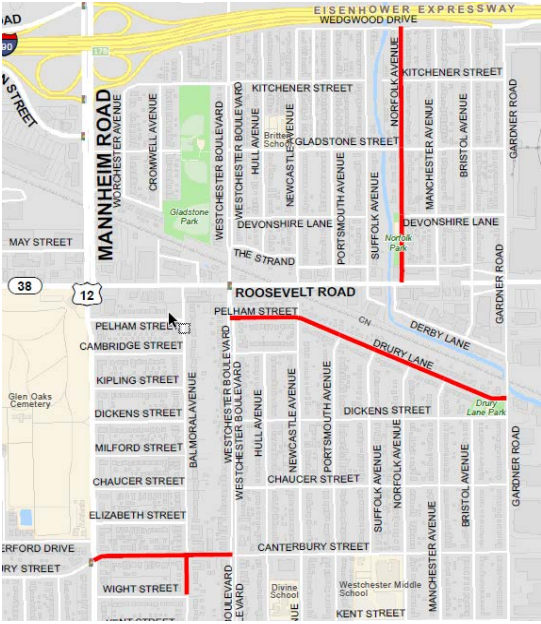
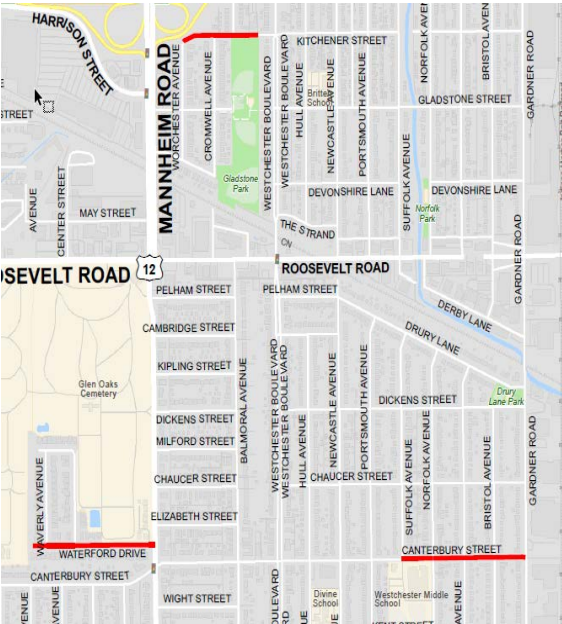
Street	From	To
Windsor Dr.	Mayfair Ave	Boeger Ave

Water Main/ Service Line Replacements, Sewer Lining, and Street Resurfacing Program

Street	From	To
Norfolk Ave.	Wedgwood Dr.	Roosevelt Rd.
Pelham St.	Westchester Blvd	Newcastle Ave.
Drury Ln.	Newcastle Ave.	Gardner Rd.
Canterbury St.	Mannheim Rd.	Westchester Blvd
Water main & service line replacements only		
Balmoral Ave.	Canterbury St.	Wight St.

Street Resurfacing Program

Street	From	To
Waterford St.	Mannheim Rd.	Cul-de-sac
Kitchner St.	Westchester Blvd	Worcester Ave.
Canterbury St.	Suffolk Ave.	Gardner Rd.



As always, residents are asked to call Public Works at 708-345-0041 if an unusual amount of water is visible in the street or parkway. This could be a main break or water leak that requires our immediate attention. If after 3:30pm M-F or on weekends and holidays, please call the non-emergency number at 708-593-3830.



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# Westchester Street Names

## Part II

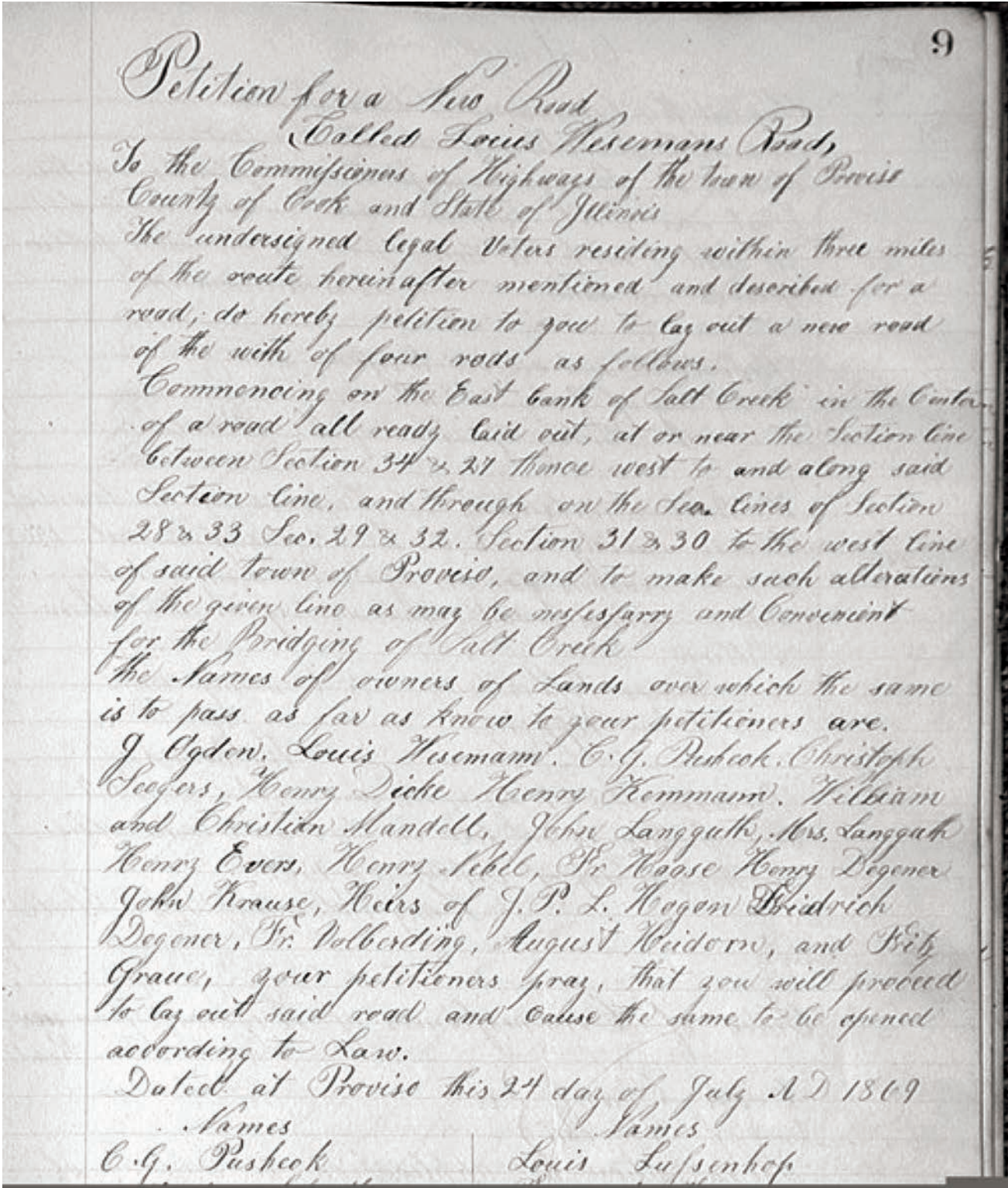
Westchester was created by Sam Insull and his developers as an English-style model town in 1925. As the town was laid out, many interesting street names made their appearance, and this article will explore the origin of those names. Many of them are based on English geographic and historic locations, some of them are named after famous British people, and others memorialize castles and colleges.

In the High Ridge section of Westchester, which indeed is the highest point of the village, you will still see the names of early German farmers and settlers who owned a significant number of acres of farmland prior to the establishment of Westchester in 1925. One can easily spot these German settlers' names when driving on Roosevelt Road east of Wolf Road: Heidorn, Boeger (there is also a Boeger Court), Mandel, Evers, and Haase. Gardner Road, which established the eastern boundary of the village, was originally Puscheck Road, named after the Puscheck family who owned land along the northern section in the 1840s.

Mannheim Road (named after the seventh largest city in Germany) was originally called Covell Road, because Marion Covell, son of original settler Thomas Reed Covell, owned the Hillside Quarry. Many streets were covered with gravel from that quarry in the early days. In La Grange Park, Mannheim Road (Route 45) was known as 5th Avenue. What we call 31st Street today was officially dedicated as Louis Wesemann Road in 1869, as we know from an official document signed by many of the local German farmers. When it was time to name Wolf Road Prairie in the 1970s there was a debate between 31st Street Prairie or Wolf Road Prairie, and the latter prevailed, being more evocative of nature. Still, the street name's source was more likely a family of early settlers named Wolf lived along Wolf Road near Butterfield Road. Most of the village streets were named after English locations, including the capital London. Mayfair is a district in London's West End known as one of the most expensive districts in the world. Fleet Street is associated with printing and journalism, as the first British printing press was set up there. Also in London is Bond Street, which is famous for exclusive fashions, jewelry and antiques.

Westminster is the cultural visitor center of London with Westminster Abbey and Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, and Buckingham Palace. Many streets are named after towns in Britain: Manchester, Bristol, Preston, Carlisle, Wakefield, Dorchester, Fairfield, Newbury, Bedford, Hawthorne, Stratford, Milford, Brighton, Worcester, Carlton, Ashton and Halifax. Walt Kent had a hit in 1941 about the white cliffs of Dover, which is also a town on the narrowest part of the English Channel. Canterbury, with its famous Canterbury Cathedral, is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Other streets are named after major English port cities: Hull, Portsmouth, Plymouth and Newcastle. Cambridge is one of the leading universities, and Oxford is the oldest in the English-speaking world. Then there are Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, and Balmoral Castle, all owned by the British royals. Counties in England are also represented in street names such as Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Kent, Somerset, Devonshire and Berkshire. A "shire" is the word for county in England.

Some streets are named after famous individuals. Thomas Becket was the twelfth-century Archbishop of Canterbury who was murdered in the cathedral there following a struggle with King Henry II over decision-making powers in the Church of England. Queen Elizabeth the First has a street named after her. Interestingly, Virginia was named for her as well, and what is now Illinois belonged to the state of Virginia for a time in the early Revolutionary War. Oliver Cromwell was a statesman, politician, and soldier who became Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England after the execution of King Charles I. Several streets are named after literary figures, such as William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Geoffrey Chaucer, George Bernard Shaw, Mary Shelley and Robert Burns, the Scottish poet. Admiral Horatio Nelson was one of the greatest



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naval commanders known for victories at sea during the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars. Severely wounded while in command, he met his end at the Battle of Trafalgar. In London one finds a famous commemorative column dedicated to Nelson on Trafalgar Square. There is also a nod to Robin Hood, who terrorized Sherwood Forest by taking from the rich and giving to the poor. Kitchner Road was named after Horatio Herbert Kitchner, who played a role in the second Boer War and wars in Sudan, India, Palestine, Cyprus and Egypt. He also served as Secretary of War in the early part of World War I, where he organized the largest British volunteer army before dying on the way to Russia when his ship ran into a German mine. Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, was a famous military leader and prime minister of England. He played a key role in winning the

battle against Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815. Roosevelt Road got its name when 12th Street was renamed in 1919 to commemorate Theodore Roosevelt, who died that year. Cermak became an alternate name for 22nd Street in 1933 after Anton Cermak, Mayor of Chicago, was killed in that year in an attack likely aimed at President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. On October 12, 1960, the Congress Parkway officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony; it was renamed in 1964 as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Expressway, creating Westchester's northern boundary. The street names evoke a rich cultural history in the model community of Westchester.

Patricia Reaves  
Director and Historian, Save the Prairie Society





# GARDENS NEEDED FOR 2026

Grassroots Garden Group is looking for gardens to showcase in our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Westchester Garden Walk in 2026! If you want your yard and gardens to be considered, contact us immediately. Garden scouting will occur in August and September. Benefits of being in the garden walk include:

- Help those in need
- Encourage fellow gardeners
- Meet great people
- Show off our beautiful village
- Attend our Preview Party
- Advance viewing of all gardens

[www.GrassrootsGardenGroup.org/Volunteer](http://www.GrassrootsGardenGroup.org/Volunteer)



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## SIP & PAINT NIGHT

Enjoy an evening in the garden with Westchester artist, Melissa Arostegui, as she leads the group in creating their own nature inspired masterpieces. Snacks and drinks provided! Space is limited, so reserve your seat early!

**Thursday, August 7, 5:30pm**

**\$30 per person**

**Register at**

**[www.grassrootsgardengroup.org/events](http://www.grassrootsgardengroup.org/events)**



Sep 6 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 6, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Free event @ the Historic Prairie House, 11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester

Save the Prairie Society's invites you to a free community event: **The Annual Old Fashioned Prairie Fest!** at the parkway of the Prairie House. Rain date September 13.



**FREE Event! Something for everyone:**

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**August 2025**

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**Aging Well in Westchester - Upcoming Event Schedule**



**Mayfair Recreation Center**  
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**Wednesdays, 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM**



**Aug. 13 - BINGO!**  
**Sept. 10 – Wellness Topic\***  
**Oct. 8 - BINGO!**  
**Nov.12 – Wellness Topic\***  
**Dec. 10 – Holiday Party\***

\*RSVP to Gia Marie Benline [giabenline@gmail.com](mailto:giabenline@gmail.com) or [awn@agingcareconnections.org](mailto:awn@agingcareconnections.org)  
MayFair Recreation Center, 10835 Wakefield St., Westchester 60154

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## WaterSmart Portal is Now Live, Town Hall on August 19

We're excited to announce the launch of Westchester's new Water Usage Portal! This new tool will allow residents to view real-time water usage, receive automated alerts for leaks or unusual activity, access billing information, and more — all in one convenient place.

To help you get started, we're offering an informational Town Hall meeting on August 19, at 6:00 PM at Village Hall. We'll walk through how to sign up, how to navigate the portal, and how to make the most of the new features.

Don't miss this opportunity to take control of your water usage, avoid surprises on your bill, and help us build a more efficient, responsive utility system.

**SIGN UP FOR THE WATERSMART PORTAL NOW:** [www.westchester-il.org/waterportal](http://www.westchester-il.org/waterportal)

### New Water & Sewer Rates

These changes took effect July 1, 2025, following a professional rate study, and represent the next phase of the Village's multi-year plan to address aging infrastructure, comply with the State's Lead Service Line Replacement Mandate, and maintain long-term financial sustainability of our water and sewer systems.

### New Rates Effective July 1, 2025:

- **Water usage:** \$19.21 per 1,000 gallons
- **Sewer usage:** \$4.03 per 1,000 gallons
- **Water infrastructure fee:** \$22 per month
- **Sewer infrastructure fee:** \$15 per month

These rates will appear on the **September 2025 utility bills**.

The approved ordinance also includes a 10% increase in July 2026, a 5% increase in July 2027, and then annual increases of 3–5% to keep pace with infrastructure maintenance and water delivery costs.

**Please note:** Garbage rates as of July 1, 2025, will be \$21.65 per month (or \$18.56 per month for senior households), based on the standard annual increase in the Village's solid waste contract.

### Water Fixture Efficiency Reimbursement Grant Program

The Village of Westchester is offering a Water Fixture Efficiency Reimbursement Grant to assist low-income residents in reducing water usage and offsetting the cost of high-efficiency fixtures. Eligible residents can receive up to 90% reimbursement on the purchase and installation of lead-free toilets, faucets, and showerheads—with a lifetime household maximum of \$500.

### Highlights:

- ✓ Covers up to:
  - \$200 per toilet
  - \$100 per faucet
  - \$75 per showerhead
- ✓ Must meet water-efficiency standards (e.g. 1.28 gallons per flush for toilets)
- ✓ Must obtain a free plumbing permit. Income eligibility required (e.g. Medicaid, SNAP, LIHEAP, or unemployment letter)

### Utility Bill Hardship Program

The Village of Westchester offers a Utility Bill Hardship Program to assist residents who are experiencing financial difficulty in keeping up with their water and sewer bill. This program allows eligible account holders to apply for a payment arrangement through a formal hardship hearing.

### Program Details:

- ✓ Account must not be delinquent at the time of application
- ✓ Residents must apply in writing using the official application

- ✓ Only one hardship arrangement allowed every 6 months
- ✓ Applicants must attend a scheduled hardship hearing – missing it counts as your one chance for the 6-month period
- ✓ If approved, failure to follow the payment plan will result in termination and the full balance becoming due

**Submit completed applications to:**  
Village of Westchester –  
Utility Billing Department  
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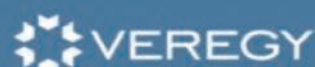


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**JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL TOWN HALL!**  
**August 19**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Village Hall Board Room**  
10300 W ROOSEVELT RD  
WESTCHESTER, IL 60154

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# Movie Matinee



## WALL-E

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## A Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying a restful and fun-filled summer with your family. As we look ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, I want to share important information about student registration.

Online registration is open for all returning and pre-registered Early Childhood, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students. If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's Administrative Assistant or visit our website at [www.sd925.org](http://www.sd925.org) under the "Registration" tab. Families new to District 92½ can also register online beginning July 1st by visiting our website's [New Student Registration](#) page.

This letter includes a helpful [fact sheet](#) outlining residency requirements. As a reminder, families must upload residency documents online—there is no in-person registration or document drop-off. We've also enclosed a [quick guide](#) to assist you through the registration process and a list of [student fees](#).

To qualify for the Early Bird Registration Rate, all steps—including completing the online registration and paying any outstanding fees—must be finalized by **Tuesday, July 15th, at 4:00 p.m.** The final deadline for returning student registration is **Thursday, July 31st, at 4:00 p.m.** Only students who are fully registered by that date will be included in our class lists and school planning for the upcoming year. Teacher assignments and student schedules will be released the week of August 11th. If your child will not be returning to the district, please complete our [transfer out form](#) so we can update our enrollment projections and classroom planning and prepare your students records for their new school.

### Important Transportation Reminder:

If your child requires bus service, a completed [Request for Transportation Form](#) must be submitted by July 31st. This form is available under the "Registration" tab on our website. Transportation will not be scheduled without complete registration and fee payment.

We will continue to share more details about school supply pickup, back-to-school events, and opening day procedures as the summer progresses. While our schools operate with reduced in-person staff during the summer, phone messages are checked regularly, and calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you for completing the registration process and helping us prepare for another great school year!

Sincerely,

Philip Salemi, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools District 92½

## Westchester Primary School

The Westchester Primary School staff is working diligently to ensure that we are ready to welcome our students for the 2025-2026 school year, and we are thrilled to welcome our new certified staff members: Alexa Coglianese - second grade teacher, Sabrina Gambino - first grade teacher, Allison Rogers - second grade teacher, Jeannine Phillips - Speech Pathologist, and Natalie Salinas - long term kindergarten substitute teacher. We also have a few grade level changes at WPS this upcoming school year. Angie Nagle and Brittany Swift will be teaching kindergarten, and Tiffany McMorrow and Ivy White will be teaching First Grade.

**To be ready for this school year, parents/guardians are urged to register their children and return completed paperwork as soon as possible. We are closely monitoring class sizes.** If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office (708-562-1509). The first day of school is Wednesday, August 20, 2025, and our Meet and Greet is Monday, August 18th, for all registered students.

**Monday, August 11th, is our Welcome to 92.5 Orientation for New Families to WPS and Bus Orientation from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at Westchester Primary School, 2400 Downing Avenue, in the cafeteria.** At this event, we will discuss strategies for a strong home/school connection to ensure your child's success at WPS and familiarize students who may be utilizing our district transportation. A parent or guardian must accompany students to this event. Bus transportation to and from the orientation session will be provided to you and your student from the school nearest your home. Parents/Guardians and children of WPS who are not yet signed up for the bus can still participate. If you attend the event and are not taking bus transportation to WPS, please enter through Door 5, located at the back of the school near the playground off Fleet Street, and use the parking lot on Fleet Street. More extensive safety education programs will be done when your child starts school. However, it is extremely important that your child has the opportunity to ride the bus and learn some general safety rules before they start school. If you have any further questions, please call the office at 708-562-1509.

Listed below are pick-up times and locations:

- Westchester Middle School, 1620 Norfolk, with a 4:40 p.m. pick-up. Meet at door 8 by the parking lot
- Britten School, 10110 Gladstone, with a 4:40 p.m. pick-up. Meet at the corner of Gladstone & Newcastle
- Westchester Intermediate, 10900 Canterbury, with a 4:40 p.m. pick-up. Meet at Door 1, located in front of the building.

As the new school year is quickly approaching, WPS invites you to contribute your time and ideas as we continue our work together to prepare and empower students to be successful in life. Whether you are a community member wanting to give back or a parent looking to support your child's school, we are thankful for your interest in Westchester Primary School. Please check our website, or our social media accounts. Follow us on Instagram at [wps\\_925](#) and Facebook, or call our office for upcoming events.

Kindergarten Screenings for all incoming kindergarten students that have not yet been screened will be held at WPS by appointment once registration has been completed. Both a parent and pre-registered child must attend the screening. Please contact the School Office at 708-562-1509 to set-up an appointment if your child is registered and needs to participate in the kindergarten screening. Parents will tour the building and receive information about our kindergarten programing while their child participates in the screening with a staff member. Also, all kindergarten students must have a physical on file with their required state vaccination records documented to be able to begin school on August 20th.

Also, Right At School will be offered at WPS again this year, and registration is now open. This program provides parents a safe, comfortable, and fun place for their children before and after school. Led by nurturing and experienced educators, your children will complete their homework, engage in fitness and enrichment, and become part of a community that feels like family. The program will run every morning starting at 7 am and afternoon until 6 pm. Families will have the option to register for any number of days per week. Programs, open to grades K-5, will begin on their first day of school and run every day that school is in session for a full day. For families who only need sporadic care, there is a convenient daily drop-in option. Visit their website at [www.rightatschool.com](http://www.rightatschool.com) to view program information and rates and to register for the 2025-2026 school year.



## Westchester Intermediate School

I hope all of our families are having a wonderful summer especially as we continue to prepare for our new school year. Our custodial crew has been working to get our school ready for students. They give our building a deep cleaning, rewaxing the floors, repainting areas that need it, and completing any small construction work that needs to be done. We appreciate all the work they do to keep our school running smoothly. We continue to upgrade doors and the lighting as well.

We get to welcome Ms. Natalie Nestler to our educational family. She is joining our fourth grade team as a new fourth grade teacher. We are excited to have her on our team and looking forward to the impact she has on our students in the coming year.

The front parking lot was replaced over the summer along with the sidewalk in front of the school. We replaced the old metal safety posts and will be getting a new bike rack for our students to use. It looks amazing.

I hope all of our students are taking time to relax and enjoy the summer, but don't forget to read a book and practice some math skills as well. It will keep your brain sharp and ready for whatever challenges the new year should bring.

A couple of important dates to remember this month. We have our Meet and Greet on August 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This is a chance to meet your child's teacher and to drop off school supplies. Our first day of school is August 20th. We are looking forward to seeing all our students and staff soon.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Go Huskies!

## Westchester Middle School

As a school we will continue to reinforce our Warrior Expectations for everyone in the WMS learning community. Students and staff should:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be There, Be Ready

These expectations will continue to be our focus when we return in the fall.

Congratulations to our April Warriors of the Month! 6th Grade: Anthony Alvarez and Emilia Wiktorzak, 7th Grade: Emma Garcia and Tanylah Hull, 8th Grade: Sophie Isfan and Gus Spiropoulos. Warriors of the Month are selected by their teachers for setting a strong example and exceeding the expectations of the 4 Bs: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be There/ Be Ready.



Thank you to the parents and guardians of WMS for their support during this school year. While each day provides its own opportunity, we continue to work to support our students and their needs. We wish you a relaxing upcoming summer. Please make sure that you complete registration in July and look for our messages to start around the beginning of August.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025. They graduated from WMS on Friday, May 30, 2025. We wish them all the best in their future.

## CANTATA CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL

*Cantata Adult Life Services, a not-for-profit senior living and senior services organization in Brookfield, is celebrating its Centennial.*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**  
**1:00PM-9:00PM**

**CANTATA ADULT LIFE SERVICES CAMPUS**

**8700 W 31<sup>ST</sup> ST, BROOKFIELD, IL**

(FREE PARKING AVAILABLE AT BROOKFIELD ZOO NORTH LOT, FREE VALET BICYCLE PARKING PROVIDED BY CYCLE BROOKFIELD)



**HEADLINED BY MAGGIE SPEAKS 7PM!**

- CANTATA100 BIKE RIDE BY CYCLE BROOKFIELD
- LIVE MUSIC
- BEER, WINE & FOOD
- GAMES & RAFFLES



MORE INFORMATION CAN BE SEEN AT [WWW.CANTATA100.ORG](http://WWW.CANTATA100.ORG) [INFO@CANTATA.ORG](mailto:INFO@CANTATA.ORG)

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**WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS**



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025  
4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
10900 CANTERBURY ST**

**Join us for a night of FREE food &  
ice cream while supplies last  
PLUS bounce houses, music,  
touch-a-truck, and family fun!**



**FOAM PARTY FUN!  
5:00 - 7:00 PM**







## WESTCHESTER FOOD PANTRY



WET NOSE PANTRY



## DONATIONS NEEDED! CAN YOU HELP?



### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ACCEPTED: YEAR ROUND

The Pantry is always in need of cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, condiments, meals in a can (beef stew, chili, ravioli, etc.), soup, rice, coffee and tea. We also accept dish soap, toiletries and laundry detergent. Drop off at any local donation site or directly to the Pantry during open hours.



### PAPER BAGS ACCEPTED: YEAR ROUND

The Pantry goes through 500 paper bags every week! Donate your paper bags year round. Paper bags with handles are preferred (example: Mariano's and Trader Joe's). Drop off at any donation site or directly at the Pantry during open hours.



### FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE ACCEPTED: JUNE-OCTOBER

Is your garden growing out of control? Bring your extra produce to the Pantry! Cucumbers, zucchini, tomatoes and more are welcome. Please clean, bag and label it, and drop off directly to the Pantry during open hours.



### DOG AND CAT FOOD ACCEPTED: YEAR ROUND

At the Westchester Food Pantry, we look out for furry family members as well. Donations of wet and dry dog and cat food are accepted year-round. Unfortunately, we cannot accept prescription pet food or medicines. Drop off pet food at any local donation site.

## DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

### Westchester Food Pantry

1938 S. Mannheim Road, Westchester IL 60154  
Come to the alley entrance and ring the bell.  
11am-7:00pm Wed; 11am-2:30pm Fri;  
8:30-11:30am Sat

### Westchester Village Hall - Lobby

10300 Roosevelt Road, Westchester IL 60154  
Place in the bins between 7:30am - 4pm Mon - Fri

### Westchester Public Library

10700 Canterbury Street, Westchester, IL 60154  
Place donations in marked bin inside.  
10am-8pm Mon-Thu; 10am-5pm Fri-Sat; Closed Sun

### Westchester Park District, Community Center

10201 Bond Street, Westchester IL 60154  
Place in bin located in the lobby.  
9am-4:30pm Mon - Fri; Closed Sat and Sun

### Westchester Park District, Mayfair Fitness Center

10835 Wakefield Street, Westchester IL 60154  
Place in bin located in the lobby.  
5:30am-8:30pm Mon-Fri;  
7am-3pm Sat; 7am-12pm Sun

### Historic Prairie House at Wolf Road Prairie

11225 Constitution Drive, Westchester, IL 60154  
Drop off in the blue bin on the porch anytime



2025  
Summer

WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT  
presents...

# CONCERTS

series



WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST  
MAYFAIR PARK SOFTBALL FIELD / EAST

6:00pm DJ  
7:00pm Concert  
food and refreshments  
sold on site

8/6  
Toasty Cheese  
Food Truck &  
GP Italiano- Gelato

8/13  
Bea's Latin  
Food &  
Catering &  
Daisy's  
Treats

8/20  
Tacos  
El Amigazo &  
Daisy's  
Treats

8/27  
GP Italiano- Pizza &  
Kona Ice

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**LOUIE PIPES**

Dedicated to preserving all the great songs.  
Vintage Supper-club style vocalist, where style, class  
& great music live on!



AUG  
13

6:15pm Special  
Performances by:



**MUSIC IN MOTION BAND**

It's not just music. It's a feeling, a state of  
mind. You won't be able to resist tapping  
your feet and bobbing your head in  
time to the beat due to their uplifting tone  
and the raw skill that makes their  
music so amazing.



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20

**WEST END 40**

West End 40 is a unique blend of R&B, Jazz, Gospel,  
Top 40 & Original Music. We pride ourselves on our  
diversity of styles, providing energized  
entertainment for a highly diverse, selective crowd  
of music lovers from all walks of life.



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27  
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**BACK 2 SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

Celebrate the beginning of a new school year  
with some outdoor family fun. Picnic Games, Bounce Houses, Entertainment,  
Food Trucks and so much more. 4-6pm  
Stay onsite and celebrate into the evening with our last concert of the summer-  
Tim Gleason Duo 7-9pm

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27

**TIM GLEASON DUO**

Tim Gleason performs cover songs & original  
music. His eclectic playlist includes country, rock,  
pop, and dance. Whether performing with his band  
at Country Thunder, at private parties, weddings,  
or at the local pub, Tim always brings the  
good times.



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# Village of Westchester

## ENERGY PLAN



The Village of Westchester is creating its first Energy Plan to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase sustainability in our community.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED NOW:

1

#### TAKE THE ENERGY PLAN SURVEY

Take the Energy Plan Survey to help set our priorities, and share it with your Westchester friends, family, and neighbors!



2



#### Stay Informed

Follow the development of the Village’s Energy Plan by visiting the plan’s webpage at <https://palebluedot.llc/westchester-energy-plan>

#### Scan the QR code

Take the survey and follow the planning progress by visiting the Energy Plan webpage.

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